

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Action Taken by the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday with R. C. Diggs, General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association—Speeches and Lot Draw. That Express the Sentiments of Full Heart.

The Young Men's Christian Association held a special service in the auditorium at 4:45 o'clock Sunday afternoon in memory of the late Mr. George C. Diggs, who departed this life at 11:15 p. m. Sunday, November 21st. There was a large attendance and the services were interesting and impressive.

Miss Fannie Corbett presided at the piano and after two hymns had been sung by the assemblage, A. J. Howell, Esq., president of the association, called the meeting to order and stated the purpose for which it had been called. On the rostrum with him were the Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., Rev. W. B. Oliver, Colonel Roger Moore and Mr. T. C. Diggs, general secretary of the association.

After the object of the meeting had been stated, the Rev. Dr. Hoge read Psalm 37 and led in prayer.

Mr. Diggs then explained that when Mr. Worth's health became so bad a year ago last summer, the association adopted resolutions of sympathy for Mr. Worth and they were forwarded to him. He then read the following letter written by Mr. Worth himself with reference to the resolutions:

Greenville Sound, Near Wilmington, N. C., September 23, 1896. Thos. C. Diggs, Secretary Y. M. C. A., Wilmington, N. C.

My Dear Sir: Your very comforting letter of the 25th of August in behalf of the "active members" of the association, was duly received and read to me while I was prostrate with sickness and high unto death, as I then thought, and as others feared. It was indeed comforting to hear such tender words of sympathy and such warm expressions of esteem and regard as I have never before received from any of the young men to convey to me through you.

I thank them for the prayers offered in my behalf. I have the fullest faith that our kind and merciful Heavenly Father is a prayer hearing and a prayer answering God, and that in my case He suffered himself to be entreated by the many prayers of my many friends to bless the means used for my recovery. I am thankful to say that I am improving rapidly. "Oh! that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men." I have cause to praise Him, and I trust I may never cease to do so with my whole heart and soul. Now with an expression of very warm interest in the Christian welfare of the young men of the Wilmington association, and my highest regard and esteem for yourself, I am, Sincerely yours, D. G. WORTH.

Colonel Roger Moore then addressed the meeting as follows:

"We are not here this evening to tell of the many other noble benefactions and charities by Mr. Worth, nor the good he has accomplished for Wilmington in a business way, or the work he has done for his church—for this is known by all, but to tell what one benefactor has done for us—the Young Men's Christian Association—and those who have sons that are absent from the view in this community by this institution that he did so much for.

From the time of the starting of this association by his son, George C. Worth, and a few associates, Mr. Worth took a most lively interest in it, giving largely to the building fund, subscribing to its bonds and aiding largely in supplying furniture for the building. He not only gave largely of his means, but as a member of the finance and building committee gave largely of his time in raising funds, collecting and soliciting for the association, looking after the erection of this magnificent building, so that as long as it remains here it will be a monument to the memory of this great and good man, and after it has crumbled away and been forgotten, the influence for good inaugurated here by Mr. Worth and those that have been associated with him will live on forever.

My recollection is Mr. Worth first gave \$1,000 to the building fund, and he afterwards supplemented it with \$1,000 more. Then he subscribed and took quite a number of bonds, not less than \$2,000. His contributions largely during his life, annually from \$50 to \$200 to its current expenses, and then when the building was about completed and they required the chairs and furniture for the auditorium, Mr. Worth arranged that amount, not less than \$1,200. Mr. Bunting's drug store was completed and before he could occupy it, furniture, show and prescription cases, shelving, etc., had to be provided and Mr. Worth did this, my recollection is, at a cost of not less than \$600, the association being without funds. One would think that this was enough for any generous man to do, but when the building was completed we had a debt of \$23,000 to \$25,000 (these were dark days) that must be paid. After exhausting every effort, we received a proposition that a loan of \$20,000 would be made, but the property must be free from all other incumbrances, and when we were striving to meet these conditions this gentleman, without a suggestion or request, (for who could have expected more from any one man than Mr. Worth had already done?), came in and gave absolutely to the association the bonds he had purchased, thus clearing the way and saving the building to this great work, and when it looked like, after all that had been done, the property would be lost to the association, this great man came in and saved it and wished nothing said about it. Besides all that he did in a financial way for the association, in the meetings of the board of directors and the different committees we felt the weight of his advice and counsel.

And now, my brethren, should not we and this entire community mourn the loss of such a benefactor, and while bowing to the inscrutable wisdom of our God, thank Him for such a life, such a pattern and example, and pray Him to aid us in striving to emulate the virtues of this true Christian gentleman?"

Upon conclusion of Colonel Moore's remarks, another hymn was sung.

Mr. H. E. Bonitz then addressed the meeting and spoke of the great good Mr. Worth had done for young men,

and after speaking of his character and the example such a man sets to young men, he paid a beautiful tribute to the man to whom they were responsible for the Y. M. C. A. building. He closed by asking how better could Mr. Worth's memory be honored than by keeping up the work which his benefactions had inaugurated and sustained in our midst.

Mr. Diggs then read the following letter from Mr. E. S. Tennent, who he said was one of the five young men who met with Dr. Geo. C. Worth ten years ago and organized the association:

Spartanburg, S. C., November 26. Mr. T. C. Diggs, General Secretary Y. M. C. A., Wilmington, N. C.

Dear Mr. Diggs: It is with profound sorrow I have heard of the death of that great and good man, David G. Worth. I am sure there are few outside of his immediate family who esteemed him more or loved him better than I. He was one that I admired as a man and loved as a friend.

It was my pleasure to have been thrown very intimately with him in our Y. M. C. A. work, and perhaps no one knows better than I, how ever willing he was to give and to do for the young men of our community—he was not only ready to give liberally of his means, but in our hours of trouble, gave very freely of his time and his service—it is no disparagement of others to say that but for Mr. Worth our association would never have had such an elegant home and our work would, many times, have flagged.

I have the strongest personal reasons to know that his interest in young men was great and he was ever willing to counsel and assist all whom he thought worthy. Surely such an honorable, blameless and withal successful life as his is an inspiration to all men. His was the truest type of an humble, consecrated Christian gentleman that I have ever known.

Sincerely, E. S. TENNENT.

Dr. Hoge then addressed the meeting, speaking of the movement to erect the Y. M. C. A. building. At the revival meeting of the Rev. Mr. Pearson in this city in 1888, Mr. Pearson made an appeal in behalf of a fund to erect a building and asked for subscriptions. He first asked for subscriptions of \$1,000, but for a long time there was no response, when finally Mr. Worth quietly authorized him to put him down for \$1,000. Up to this time the effort to build the building was waver, in the balance, but Mr. Worth decided its fate by his subscription. The result was that about \$7,000 was raised at that meeting that night.

Mr. W. M. Cumming then spoke as follows:

"As one of the five young men who organized this association ten years ago, I have been asked to say a word at this meeting, but I feel that I ought not to attempt to do so without preparation and as I had no time for preparation I declined, but since hearing what has been said by Colonel Moore and those who have preceded me, I feel that I cannot refrain from paying a tribute, too, even at this late hour and without preparation, to Mr. Worth's memory. As I have said, I was one of the five charter members of this association and I have for ten years been intimately connected with its work, and yet, strange as it may sound, I never knew till a moment ago of Mr. Worth's largest contribution to it—the \$3,000 of which Colonel Moore has told you and which was given with the sole condition that "nothing should be said about it." The knowledge of this princely gift is as great a surprise, and as much a piece of news to me, as is to most of you in this audience, illustrates very strikingly one characteristic of our departed friend. A similar incident occurs to me: last week I learned that one day Mr. Worth met an officer of a church in our city of a different denomination from his, and handing him a package said: "Here is a contribution for your church. I only request that it shall not be made public," and in some apparent embarrassment passed on. The astonished gentleman opened the package, it was \$250.

Several years ago I met a very cultured and delightful Japanese gentleman and he wrote for me some lines of a Japanese song and also their translation into English prose. They ran something like this: "Wouldst thou know the heart of the true Japanese? It is like the snow of the top of Mount Fuji." That was a beautiful simile, but the heart of Mr. Worth was not like that, except in its beauty, in its purity and in its being founded upon a basis of eternal fixedness. His heart was too warm, too loving, too loving to be properly likened to snow. And it was not lifted up thousands of feet above the level of his fellow beings, but beat in ready sympathy and loving touch with all men. It was not my privilege to be quite so intimately associated with Mr. Worth as some who have spoken, but as we do not have to touch an iceberg to feel its chill, so we do not have to touch a furnace to feel its warmth, and I have felt the healthful influence of his life in many ways; in the circles of business, in the affairs of this association, in the church, of which we were officers together, to some extent in social life; and most directly through George, his youngest son, my good friend. And it was always a wholesome and a helpful influence—one that was always on the side of righteousness and truth.

Now in closing I will add just this word: If we wish indeed to honor this noble man, how can we better do it than by honoring and supporting this institution that he had so much at heart and which he gave so liberally to establish and support the "Young Men's Christian Association" of our city. This is a practical thing—a practical way in which we can show the earnestness of our words, for I am sure in no better way could we to his satisfaction prove that we love to honor him. In its work this association is a help to strangers, a help to our own boys, a help to our city (and an honor to it); and so I appeal to you men to support it, to you boys to join it, to you all to aid and help it by your words, your influence, your money—in all ways that you can. Thus will we keep alive the memory and carry forward the work of our departed friend."

Mr. Diggs also read the following letters: Richmond, Va., November 24. Dear Diggs: Yours of the 23rd apprising me of the death of Mr. Worth to hand. I don't know when I have had news that so moved me. I remember so well the deep interest Mr. Worth always manifested in the work of the young men. He was never too busy to talk about it, and give valuable counsel and aid. The work in Wilmington suffers a great loss in his death and the young men a warm friend. I feel so grateful that I knew him, his staunch integrity, his sterling Christian character were an inspiration to me. In the memorial service to be held, I would like to give my testimonial of esteem. Surely "he being dead yet speaketh." Express my deep sympathy to his immediate family. Sincerely, L. A. COULTER.

New York, November 25. My Dear Mr. Diggs:

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Mr. Worth was, indeed, a Christian gentleman of the highest type. One could not come in contact with him without feeling the ennobling influence of his royal nature, which had been enriched and made more sympathetic through his intimate knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Will you convey to his family and friends my sympathy.

Very sincerely, FENNEL P. TURNER.

Charlotte, N. C., November 26. Dear Mr. Diggs:

I heartily sympathize with the people of Wilmington, and with the association particularly, in the loss of Mr. David G. Worth. I held him in the highest esteem for his high Christian character and sound judgment, and I was led to the deepest confidence in him and in his spiritual life. Happy is the association which has enjoyed his aid and counsel; happy is the church which has so rich a legacy of Christian living, and happy too, the community in such citizenship. With sympathy and respect, Your obedient servant, GEORGE B. HANNA.

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On Southern Railway, Near Chapel Hill, November 26.

My Dear Mr. Diggs: Your letter found me on my way to an engagement at Oak Ridge, and I reply as best I can and tell what I thought and felt on the translation of one who walked with God and was not, for God took him.

That the Young Men's Christian Association should pay its grateful tribute to its devoted and generous friend is eminently appropriate. I wish I could be there to take my loving share in a commemoration as sincere and honorable as royal man ever had.

We often mourn the decline of personal virtues and civic and social honor; but here was the soul of truth, the business man wise and honest, the consistent and humble Christian, the active and literal church member, the model husband and father, the loyal citizen, the faithful friend—the elements so mixed in him as to give the world assurance of a man after God's own heart the inspiration and pride of his fellow men.

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It was my privilege to know him in the sacred home, and but recently to have precious communion with him in his season of suffering; to speak with him of the consecrated son, Dr. George Worth, whom he surrendered to Christ's call for the heathen, and again of the time-honored university, his alma mater, which was so much a part of his life. That same noble simplicity, serene truth, unaffected Christlikeness, shone undimmed in the hour of darkness and toil. What a blessing this ideal so nearly realized! In haste. Cordially yours, TROS. HUME.

Mr President:

It was not my privilege to have that close intimacy with Mr. Worth which would warrant a personal tribute, even though I do most heartily endorse—so far as my slight acquaintance will justify an expression—every word of eulogy that has been spoken concerning him. But while I bring no wreath for the good man gone, I feel that as a citizen, it is my right to gather from his life, as I see it, some lessons which may perhaps be a good seed in the minds and hearts of our young men, yes, and of those of us mature years; lessons which rightly considered, shall inspire and energize, and enable us to triumph in the great life struggle. One fact in the life of our friend stands forth in rugged strength and great beauty. His was an honest and a successful life.

The world today needs to study that truth. There is in the minds of our young men as they begin to look out over the field, and plans for active participation in the strifes of the business world are being formed, a trend toward the unwise and hurtful conclusion that to succeed in meeting competition, to make one's self secure financially, certainly to hope for the amassing of anything like a fortune—one must learn tricks in trade, take advantage of high cuts, smother conscience, and know no rights of other men. They look about them to find, alas! that too many have built on seeming success upon a foundation of deceit and treachery, and the motto of the hour is dinned into their ears—"get all you can, as you can."

What an excellent thing it is for our community that we can point to the life of this worthy man and to those who have been associated with him in business as an example of unusual success attained by honest methods. Honesty means more than simply meeting financial obligations—it embraces right dealing towards fellow man in all directions, and it is in this sense that I would characterize the life just closed as one of the most successful of our foot boy I played by the banks of our river how my father loved to ship his produce to Worth & Worth; and the neighbors all did likewise. They felt that in those days of eager seeking for hasty wealth—when men rushed into this venture and that to realize the prosperity which was round the hand had crushed, and he took risk who trusted in his friend—their every interest was safe in the keeping of the honest men who directed the affairs of this firm. Their confidence was not misplaced. Fortune smiled upon the features of this honest man, and the tidal waves of the market did not shake the fabric he had so helped to build—because it had no unsoundness in it. A little incident—judicious yet pathetic comes just now to my mind, illustrative of the confidence begotten in the people of our state in this firm by reason of their integrity. Last spring when the convention—the Southern Baptist convention was to meet in our city, some of us connected with it received many letters. Among them was one which I have kept as a curiosity. It came from an illiterate preacher who lived up near the mountains and who, it seems, had never visited our city—and in it was written, "I expect, providence permitting, to be at the convention. Please consign me to Worth and Worth." Now, there is a lesson for us in that. The poor old man had no personal acquaintance in Wilmington, but he had heard of the strong house whose influence and reputation were so local, and he had heard such things of the men who were back of the business that he felt sure he would be perfectly safe and well cared for with them—and he would have been.

Another thing we may learn from the life of Mr. Worth is that a man can be a sincere Christian and at the same time a man of affairs. This is often denied, and many shrink from the open avowal of Christianity and an active part in the work of the Church because they think that by committing themselves wholly to a religious life they will injure their business prospects. It was not so with this man. His was a mind that had to deal with the problems of daily life—to grasp and master the many things pertaining to a great business. He was a man fully equipped for the arena where giants struggle and weaklings perish. The demands upon his time, energy, thought, were many and constant, yet there was ever time for the duties of religion and for the privileges of a child of God. In his life we see how the busy, care-crowded, progressive man whose brain is loaded and heart burdened with temporal interests was still the humble, faithful follower of the Nazarene. Here is an answer to the spirit that seeks to frame excuse for non-performance of the highest duty by pleading the pressure or necessity of lower duties. It seems to me there is great need that we point to this lesson again and again, until our young men, whose ambitious hopes and great desire for station and power are misdirecting their energies, shall have realized the truth it teaches.

Again, in his life we see how devotion to principle dwells in loving harmony with true charity. He held certain rules of conduct as alone true—he believed in specific and particular doc-

trines of religion, and yet his speech was ever just; his mind always fair and his heart tender toward others who held not with him. There was naught of the bitterness of narrowness in his thoughts or words or deeds, as there was not an atom of a magnanimous liberality. The only manly man is he who believes definitely, and having a platform of faith with boundaries, stands squarely thereon. The great crying need of our day in the world of business, of politics, of social life and of religious thought, is for men who dare to say "this is true—that is untrue," and yet withal who shall in this discernment have that love without which all human excellence is but "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." The temple of love is built only on a foundation of principle. His life, true to what to him seemed truth—answering as to his conception of the right was beautiful and fragrant with gentle consideration for the rights of others.

Mr. Worth was a modest man, yet a mighty one. How have our hearts thrilled this evening as the hitherto unknown record of his benefactions has been in part unfolded. No trumpet on street corners called attention to his goodness—no organ spread above the story of his generosity. He did not need, nor does the true man, the really great man ever need, the support of public acclaim. In this time of wild rush for place, of eager seeking for notice, when ears itch for huzzas and men are prone to reckon only that man a success who is much talked about, and only the one energetic who is ever pushing himself into notoriety—how truly refreshing it is to contemplate a grand successful life in which a modest, Christian gentleman truly let not his left hand know what his right hand wrought, but kept both busy for humanity and for God.

I do not feel that our duty regarding such a life is ended when we have covered the new turned sod with flowers which so soon droop and scatter and are forgotten. I feel that we can and should draw its rich lessons for the world and in our own lives reproduce them.

Upon conclusion of Mr. Oliver's remarks, hymn 224 was sung, after which the meeting was dismissed with the benediction.

LUEGERT'S SECOND TRIAL

The Case Begun Yesterday—Exceptions by the D fence to the Sitting Judge—Slow Progress in Securing a Jury

Chicago, November 29.—The second trial of Adolph L. Luegert, for the murder of his wife, was called before Judge Gary today. The big sausage manufacturer was represented by ex-Judge Lawrence Harmon and Attorney Mat. Reese—Attorney Phalen having withdrawn from the case yesterday after a heated interview with Luegert and the new lawyers. The court room was packed with spectators when the court was called to order. Most of the session was taken up by Mr. Harmon in arguing that Judge Gary should not try Luegert, on the ground that he was not qualified to sit as criminal judge. Judge Gary overruled the motion of the defense, intimating, however, that he was willing that some other judge should sit in the case providing counsel for the defense could come to an agreement with the prosecution as to who should hear it. Attorneys Harmon and Reese held a consultation this afternoon with States Attorney Deneen with the object of deciding on some other judge to hear the case.

When the court reconvened at 2 o'clock p. m., the attorneys for the defense announced that they had been unable to reach an agreement as to a judge to hear the case in their consultation with State's Attorney Deneen. Attorney Harmon, however, entered exceptions to Judge Gary's overruling of his motion. Attorney Harmon then made a motion for a continuance of four weeks, stating that both he and Attorney Reese were not prepared to go on and wished time to read the records of the former trial. This was overruled after some discussion. Examination of talesmen was then commenced.

It was late in the afternoon when the task of securing a jury was entered upon, but by the time court adjourned sixteen veniremen had been examined and two jurors were accepted by the state, although the defense has still the privilege of rejecting them.

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Shooting for a Silver Cup

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